

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace paragraph 0005 with the following amended paragraph:

**[0005]** The pressure plate is formed and arranged in such a way that the pressure forces that would otherwise be exerted directly on the housing now first act on the pressure plate. The spacer elements that are located between the housing and the pressure plate significantly reduce the contact surface with the housing. In addition, the spacer elements act as dampers that reduce the transmission of structure-borne noise from the pressure plate to the housing. The spacer elements can be pointed or linear. The spacer elements are preferably made of metal, sintered materials, plastic, or ceramic. The spacer elements can also be made from an elastomeric material or formed as spring elements.